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INDIRECTION.

RICHARD REALF. (1834-1878.)

Fair are the flowers and the children, but their subtle suggestion is fairer;
Rare is the rosebud of dawn, but the secret that clasps it is rarer;
Sweet the exultance of song but the strain that precedes it is sweeter;
And never was poem yet writ, but the meaning out-mastered the meter.

Never a daisy that grows, but a mystery guideth the growing;
Never a river that flows, but a majestic scepters the flowing;
Never a Shakespeare that soared, but a stronger than he did enfold him;
Nor never a prophet foretells, but a mightier seer hath foretold him.

Back of the canvas that throbs, the painter is hinted and hidden;
Into the statue that breathes, the soul of the sculptor is bidden;
Under the joy that is felt lie the infinite issues of feeling;
Crowning the glory revealed is the glory that crowns the revealing.

Great are the symbols of being, but that which is symbolized is greater;
Vast the create and beheld, but vaster the inward creator;
Back of the sounds broods the silence, back of the gift stands the giving;
Back of the hand that receives thrill the sensitive nerves of receiving.

Space is as nothing to spirit, the deed is outdone by the doing;
The heart of the wooer is warm, but warmer the heart of the wooing;
And up from the pits where these shiver, and up from the heights where those shine,

Twin voices and shadows swim starward, and the essence of life is divine.

No Two-Cent Fare Yet.

And still we poor Kansans do not ride for 2c. a mile! The railroad officials are yet deliberating what to do in regard to the demand of the Governor and state board of Railroad Commissioners for a 2-cent rate, and up to Friday nothing definite has been decided. Current rumors in the cities have it that the railroads are going to refuse to obey the order and no doubt if this is done the Governor will call a special session of the legislature and do the thing up brown. In a convention Thursday Gov. Hoch said, "This much you may consider as certain—either Kansas will get that flat 2-cent a mile passenger rate, or this rate will be withdrawn in neighboring states".

Attorney General Jackson says that the Railroads are very sore on Gov. Hoch and they will go over to the Democratic party at the next election if they are forced to enact the 2-cent a mile rate. Nevertheless Gov. Hoch is not the kind to get chicken-hearted and he will see the thing through or know why—and he has the people of Kansas behind him in his reform measures.

The Cost of a Newspaper.

The Eldorado Republican says it costs twice as much money to print an issue of that paper as it did eight or ten years ago.

This is no doubt true, and it is true of nearly every paper in the land. The cost of material has almost doubled in that time. The cost of paper has increased about 30 per cent in the last year alone. The price of labor is way above what it was a few years ago.

A great many country papers have increased their price in order to meet this increase in cost of production, and they are justified in doing it. If the increase in cost continues, it is but a question of time until all weekly paper publishers will have to raise their price to \$2 in order to pay expenses of publishing a first-class country newspaper.—LaCrosse Chieftian.

Game Warden Here.

Deputy Game Warden D. D. Finney, of Manhattan, was here for a few days, looking after the enforcement of the game law. He arrested a young man Sunday for shooting on that day, which is a direct violation of the state law, and found a quail in his buggy. The case was heard before Judge Posegate and he was fined \$15.00 and costs, making a total of \$25.50. Mr. Finney wishes the attention of all called to the law against Sunday shooting, as well as the strict observance of the game laws.—Plainville Gazette.

Breaks His Leg.

While hauling a barrel of salt down to his pasture last Monday a spring wagon overturned and its occupant W. J. Haddock suffered a broken leg. He fell under the wagon breaking his left leg just below the knee. Mr. Haddock intended taking a vacation trip soon with his wife, but he will now be laid up for some time and the trip will have to be postponed. Dr. Catudal reset the broken limb.

At Spratt's Drug Store you will find the same prices and times of exchange on state text books as any where in the state.

The Menlo Record Quits

The Menlo Record has suspended publication and the material will be moved elsewhere. The Record is but another instance of trying to run a paper in too small a town. Menlo merchants gave the paper all the patronage that could be expected of them but there was not enough of them to hold it up. The fellow who gets the idea that a newspaper can exist without making a good deal of money does not know the real conditions. Each one of the Colby newspapers have to make \$125 each month before the owners can have a cent, and some months it requires nearly the whole month to make it.—Colby Free Press.

Yes John, and sometimes it takes more than the month to make expenses. Print paper is 50 per cent higher than it was a year ago and we'll dare you to raise the subscription price to \$1.50 per year. Editors die poor 'cause their easy. When dry goods, or gasoline, or coffee goes up the price is advanced and we pay it. The raise wouldn't mean much to the individual but would mean a whole lot to the editor.—Oakley Graphic.

Mrs. E. A. Rea and father Wm. Harrison left Thursday morning for Chicago and other points in Illinois. Mr. Harrison will visit his boyhood home at Kankakee, Ill.

Hays has the promise of a good clean circus on the 28th of this month. The advance agent, who was here on Wednesday, claims that they have no gambling outfits with them to set up on the streets, which in itself is considerable recommendation for a circus.

Have you any friends living far away? Do you want them to make you a visit? You cannot do any more for their pleasure and enjoyment than to send them this paper for a few months. Then you will hear this said, "I went to Hays because I have read so much about it."

E. A. Rea, Wm. Jordan, Miles Mulroy and George King were in a runaway Sunday, which resulted rather disastrously. The surrey was upset while rounding a corner and literally smashed to pieces. It was the property of Felton's Livery and the gentlemen will probably be called upon to put a new top to the carriage.

Mr. Clarence Douglass, a missionary printer in China, and a brother of Mrs. Jennie Douglass Tower, formerly principal in the Hays High School, sails for Asia this week on the steamship Minnesota, on which Sec. Wm. Taft sails. Mr. Douglass and wife and three children are just returning from a year's vacation in America.

The next term of court in this county begins the first Tuesday in October and the following jurymen have been drawn: R. B. Joy, Ernest Albert, James Stanton, Andrew Eichbush, George Rohr, Alvin Seeley, Merrill Moore, A. W. Copeland, Anton Sack, George Palmer, Casper Klaus, Adam Pfeiffer, George Bittle, O. H. Aldrich, A. G. Mixer, Dick Clotfelter, Frank Schoendaller, Phil Jacobs, Peter Gassman, Paul Umbert, Alois E. Karlin, Peter Madsen, James Neilson, Peter Weigel Jr.

IRONCLAD PAPER MERGER.

Manufacturer Says Combine Will Boost Prices to Six Cents.

Appleton, Wis., Aug. 22.—The International Paper Co. is behind the print paper merger which is now being brought to a successful close. This much was given out by a manufacturer, who stands high in the paper trade and who has mills which will enter the merger. Every print paper, manila fiber and sulphite plant in Wisconsin, Minnesota and Michigan, he says, will be taken into the gigantic company. Options are now held on practically all of the mills. He added that within twelve months the International Paper Co., which was incorporated under the laws of the state of New York in February, 1898, with an authorized capital of \$118,000,000, will control the print paper market of the United States. The manufacturer says the price of paper will advance to 4 cents to the jobber and 6 cents to the small buyer within the near future.—Ex.

Wow! This means another black eye for the poor printer.

School Fund Gets \$600.

The Ellis County school fund is richer by \$600 this week on account of jointists will persist in running open house in spite of the prohibition laws. \$200 each and costs was what it cost the three jointists in the east end of the county, who were nabbed by Co. Atty. Shuts. One of the fines has been paid and the other two are forthcoming. These fines are turned over to the school fund in accordance with a recent law. Some day these men, who are continuing to sell liquor illegally will discover that the laws of our state are not so much a joke as they expected.

The Man Who Knows It All.

Every town has a man who knows it all. If you are at a ball game he knows exactly when the umpire is wrong and can tell you every time a player makes a mistake. If he is at a horse race he will inform you where a certain driver lost the race. At the whist party he will tell you how you could have won another trick by playing differently. In short, he knows it all and knows it all the time. It does not pay to argue with him. You can't knock any conceit out of him, and you will only lose your temper. Don't argue with a man who knows it all. The only possible thing you can do is to try to tell a bigger lie than he does, and then you want to tell it last.—Osborne Farmer.

The Public Park.

Those of our citizens who insisted on the establishment of the Public Park on the Reservation, as required by the act of Congress, begin to be pleased at showing already made in the land selected along Big Creek on the south side of town. A double driveway has been laid out from the South Chestnut street entrance to the Mosier avenue entrance and the row of trees through the center and along both sides are now fifteen feet high and are very fine, having been given a careful cultivation. Our citizens will find it a much more beautiful drive than any about town. Entrance gates are open at either the west or the east end. Drivers will remember to keep to the right, as the road is a double one.

The experiment station proposes to take good care of their park and have posted notices that all stray stock will be taken up. In a few years the park will be a beautiful place and a credit to our city and the experiment station.

IN THE HEART OF THINGS

STOP right in the midst of all the cares and anxieties of your business life and consider whether you are doing yourself and your business justice by using cheap and common stationery. You are not, you know it, and your business really merits a better reputation among your correspondents. What you need is more **DISTINCTIVE STATIONERY**, something neat and artistic, with just that touch of dignity that lends "tone" to a good piece of printing. We have that class of paper and we are prepared to do that kind of work. Ask to be shown. Prices Right.

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Why Home Patronage?

There appears in another column of this paper a small card for the Hays Laundry. We were very much disappointed this week to learn that there still are two agencies here for out-of-town laundries. We do not know just how much patronage these agencies have, but we hope it isn't much,—for certainly no public spirited citizen will continue to pay good hard money into the coffers of Salina or Abilene establishments when there is a local laundry doing the same work. It is taking out of this city money which rightfully should be spent here and money which departs never to return. You wouldn't think of buying your clothes or even your tobacco from Salina or Abilene; why patronize their laundries? Our local laundry does as good work as the best laundry in Salina—we know, because we've tried 'em,—and your work is called for and delivered at your door. Not every town in western Kansas is so fortunate as to have a good laundry and Hays citizens should show their appreciation by throwing in their little mite to help push a good thing along.

We desire to say that this article is unsolicited and unpaid for and is written by the editor in the spirit which ever governs this paper, "Home trade for home benefit".

University students will be returning to their work at Lawrence next week.

Mrs. Magrane and Miss Alice Bissing returned from Denver last Saturday morning.

They walked back home.

That is very nearly, not quite, what C. M. Holmquist and Chas. Lee had to do Wednesday night, when Felton's auto broke down west of Will Truman's farm. Mr. Holmquist was showing Mr. Lee some fine Ellis county farm land. The auto broke down several times but each time Mr. Felton was able to repair it, until just as they were opposite Will Truman's farm the machine "went dead" and in spite of the efforts of Mr. Felton nothing could be done to make the chug car go. Mr. Truman, being an up-to-date farmer, had a telephone and Mr. Felton lost no time in phoning to his livery stable for a carriage. Messrs. Lee and Holmquist started to walk towards town and after a pleasant stroll of a few miles the carriage arrived and brought them on in to town about 2 a. m. Mr. Felton remained with the auto and had it brought in to town the following day.

Saturday Afternoon Club.

The Saturday afternoon club will hold its first meeting of the season at the home of Mrs. Etta L. Ward September 21st.

PROGRAM.

Leader, Mrs. Wm. S. Picken.
Collect
Roll Call
Reading of Minutes
King Lear, Act 1
Miscellaneous Business

All state normal and public school books will be found at Spratt's Drug Store.

LOCAL NEWS.

Prof. Roberts of Manhattan was here this week.

Chas. Kirkman is again employed at Yost's mill.

Ed Yost returned from Denver Friday morning.

Miss Susie Shaffer leaves Monday for Kansas University.

George Moore of Salina was in town Wednesday on business.

Richard Cassil has been employed as grain buyer by Madden's Elevator.

Mrs. Fred Bemis and mother returned from Missouri Tuesday evening.

Azel Cochran of Plainville was here on business Tuesday and Wednesday.

C. A. Lee of the Lee Hardware Co. spent three days in our city this week.

School children should buy their books at C. A. Harkness Drug Store. 44-45

P. P. Smith will open a grocery store in Ryan's former location next week.

Henry McGuire has commenced work on the east brick walk of the court house block.

Remember J. H. Spratt has an agency for the state text school books. 42-43

The Presbyterian Ladies' Aid Society met with Mrs. Frank Fields Thursday afternoon.

W. T. Edwards returned Friday from a two weeks' sojourn in Denver and Pueblo.

The model "district school" at the Normal has already enrolled students to its full capacity.

Judd Bell went to Salina and Kansas City Wednesday morning on a combined business and pleasure trip.

John Brumitt went to Winona Thursday night to begin teaching in the city school there next week.

Bill boards have been erected just south of the postoffice for the Gollmar Bros. Shows which will be here the 28th.

Miss Mary Haffamier returned to her work at Russell Wednesday morning after a short visit with home folks.

Mr. Murray of Salina visited with Charlie Miller on Thursday. Both are students of St. Johns Military Academy.

Peter Staab bought out Henry Meyer's pool room furniture this week and will now run the business. Soft drinks will be sold.

Mrs. E. E. Swenson and son of Salina visited Mr. and Mrs. Victor Holm this week. They returned Friday morning.

S. W. Wood finished the big cement walk on North Main Street Thursday afternoon and he is now at work in front of C. W. Miller's office on South Main.

Gus Lamb bought Sweeney's barber shop building this week and thereby settled the law-suit which was started by Sweeney last fall for the ownership of the lot.

Rev. A. G. Van Haften, a native Hindu, arrived on Tuesday's plug from Russell and will preach in the Methodist church this Sunday morning and evening.

Sunday is the 15th and according to the calendar the opening day of the season for shooting prairie chicken; however there is a state law against hunting on Sunday and wise hunters will do well to postpone their sport till Monday morning. Not a few farmers in this vicinity have been appointed deputy game wardens and some arrests may be made before another issue of the FREE PRESS.



You are respectfully invited to call at our office for the purpose of examining samples and taking prices of Engraved Calling Cards, Invitations, etc. Our work the best, styles the latest and prices the lowest.



Church Notes

[All the Churches of Hays are cordially invited to contribute regularly to this column.]

Methodist Episcopal Church.

M. J. MUMFORD, Pastor.

The Rev. A. G. Van Haften, the Hindu who speaks at the Methodist church the coming Sunday morning and evening, has been speaking at the larger towns and cities down the road and word comes from the towns where he has spoken that he has been one of the most intensely fascinating speakers ever having spoken in those towns. He has been one of the strong numbers on some of the largest Chautauqua programmes in the United States, has preached in many of the largest churches in the East and the West, and everywhere the people want to hear him again.

The regular attendants at the church will miss a familiar face for some weeks. Mr. W. S. Harrison, who is so faithful both in attendance upon the services and in the work for the church, will be gone for several weeks to Illinois to get a little needed rest and refreshment and visit the scenes of his early manhood where he trained the choirs for the dedication services of the Methodist, Baptist and Presbyterian churches, in Kankakee.

A Methodist Episcopal Church was organized at Yocemento last Sunday. Not a large membership as yet, but enough to elect a board of Trustees. The election will take place Thursday evening, Sept. 19th.

The Junior League is doing good work. The Juniors deserve much credit for their faithfulness to the study work assigned them. The larger ones have finished the Junior Catechism and now take up the larger one. Some of the grown people, who heard the recitation of the Juniors upon the fundamental doctrines of Christianity expressed a deep regret that they even now were unable to give as good a statement of Christian doctrine as many of the Juniors.

Come promptly on time if you wish to hear Mr. Van Haften the coming Sunday morning and evening. The church is likely to be filled up early.

Presbyterian Church.

W. B. BROWN, Pastor.

There was quite an increased attendance at Sunday School and Church and also the Christian Endeavor Society last Sunday. A large audience was in attendance in the evening for the last of the union services and they heard a good logical sermon by Bro. West of the Lutheran Church.

A broad smile of satisfaction passed around over the faces of the Presbyterian folk when it was learned that two of the new members of the faculty of the Western Branch were good live Presbyterians.

Brother Cole, who has sung so long and so well in the choir, had to retire, or thought he had, on account of his failing voice, and he has been looking anxiously for some one to fill his place. It was very gratifying to him and all to see and hear Prof. Treadway in his corner last Sunday.

Some one remarked that it was not only a good singing choir but a rather unusually interesting group of faces over in that corner. May God bless them in that important and helpful part of His service, and may their singing cheer and bless and comfort those who gather from week to week for His praise and worship.

As soon as one can be found who is competent and willing to take hold of the work, a junior Endeavor Society will be organized. Perhaps no line of church work gives promise of larger and more permanent results than this if one's heart is wholly in it.

If you do not attend church elsewhere, come out and worship with us next Sunday morning and evening and we will try to do you good. At all events go to church somewhere and do not longer be a heathen in a christian land. Morning subject: "God's Hand"; evening: "God's Choir".

Lutheran Church.

C. F. WIEST, Pastor.

10 a. m. Sunday School.
11 a. m. Special Harvest—Thanksgiving Service.
Special Harvest—Thanksgiving Sermon.
Special Harvest—Thanksgiving offering.
7:00 p. m. C. E. prayer meeting.
8:00 p. m. Subject: Some Weak Things.
You are cordially invited.